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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/12/04</u> .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1) Claims 1-18 objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 states, "a braking device which puts brake on a vehicle" which should read --a braking device which puts a brake on a vehicle--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2) The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3) Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kusano (6290310).

Kusano provides a braking system for a vehicle, comprising: a braking device which puts a brake on a vehicle (figure 1); an operating device which includes an operating member (BP) that is operated by a driver of the vehicle in a braking force increasing direction, that is, an operating direction in which a braking force of the braking device is increased or in a braking force decreasing direction, that is, an operating direction in which the braking force of the braking device is decreased; and a control device (ECU) which decides a target control value (108) for controlling the braking device based on an operation state amount of the operating member and which controls the braking device based on the decided target control value, wherein the

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control device includes an operating direction-dependant target control value deciding portion which sets an increasing direction target control value that is the target control value when the operating member is operated in the braking force increasing direction, and a decreasing direction target control value that is the target control value when the operating member is operated in the braking force decreasing direction to values different from each other at least in part of a control range. Please note that the values are going to be different, because the rate of change in the apply direction should be greater than the rate of change in the release direction. Further, the two values are different because one is a positive value and the other is a negative value. Applicant should define what is the "target control value".

Conclusion

- 4) The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Koga et al and Asa et al all provide brake devices with pedal operation amount sensors.
- 5) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devon C Kramer whose telephone number is 571-272-7118. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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